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1. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, WE MET WITH FONO OFF CSCE
DIRECTOR JOETZE LATE AFTERNOON APRIL 19 TO CONVEY POINTS
ON TERMINAL DATE FOR MAIN MEETING AND THEMES FOR USE
DURING REVIEW OF CBM'S IMPLEMENTATION.

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2. ON THE TERMINAL DATE FOR MAIN MEETING, JOETZE SAID
FRG REP CITRON HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM EARLIER AND
HAD INDICATED THAT THE THREE ALTERNATIVE FORMULATIONS
WERE BEING SENT TO BONN FOR CONSIDERATION. JOETZE SAID
THIS WAS "NO BIG ISSUE" FOR THE FRG AND THAT THE GERMANS
WERE WILLING TO COMPROMISE ON THE LANGUAGE. HE POINTED

OUT THAT THE NINE WERE NOT UNIFIED ON THIS POINT,
REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO A DUTCH FORMULATION FLOATED
AMONG THE NINE WHICH READ: "OPTIMUM DURATION WOULD BE
OF THREE MONTHS."

3. JOETZE ALSO REFERRED TO THE DUTCH ARGUMENT AGAINST A
SPECIFIC TERMINAL DATE SO AS TO PRECLUDE A SOVIET FILI-
BUSTER. HE SAID THE NINE WERE BASICALLY INTERESTED IN
A PACKAGE ARRANGEMENT CONTAINING A FIRM BEGINNING DATE,
A FIRM ENDING DATE, AND PROCEDURAL RULES TO PREVENT
FILIBUSTERS.

4. JOETZE THEN POINTED OUT SOME OF THE RISKS IN A LONG
CONFERENCE. THE ROMANIANS, HE SAID, WOULD TRY TO DRAG
IN VARIOUS MILITARY PROPOSALS AND THE MALTESE WOULD WANT
TO DEVOTE CONSIDERABLE TIME TO THE MEDITERRANEAN.
JOETZE SAID A BAD PRESS ON THE CONFERENCE COULD EASILY
DEVELOP IN THE FRG AS IT HAD DONE DURING THE GENEVA
PHASE. HE SAID THE OPPOSITION WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY
TRY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SITUATION TO PILLORY THE
GOVERNMENT FOR ENGAGING IN A DIPLOMATIC CHARADE AT
BELGRADE RATHER THAN PRESSING FOR A SERIOUS EVALUATION
OF THE RESULTS THUS FAR ACHIEVED UNDER THE FINAL ACT.

5. REGARDING CBM THEMES, JOETZE COMMENTED THAT HE
THOUGHT THIS PART OF THE PAPER HAD ALREADY BEEN AGREED.
HE SAID HE FEARED THAT THE REVIEW OF CBM'S MIGHT OPEN
UP THE REST OF BASKET I FOR DETAILED POINT BY POINT
CRITICISM IN WHICH THE FRG WOULD COME IN FOR
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ITS SHARE OF ABUSE, E.G., VIOLATIONS OF THE GDR
BORDER, THE FRG CITIZENSHIP LAW, VIOLATION OF THE SIXTH
PRINCIPLE ON NON-INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

6. IN CONCLUDING THE CONVERSATION, JOETZE THANKED US
FOR THE PRESENTATION AND SAID THE FRG WOULD GIVE SERIOUS
CONSIDERATION TO OUR DEMARCHE. (COMMENT: WE WERE LEFT
WITH THE DEFINITE IMPRESSION THAT THE FRG WILL BE ABLE
TO SUPPORT COMPROMISE LANGUAGE ON THE TERMINAL DATE.)
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